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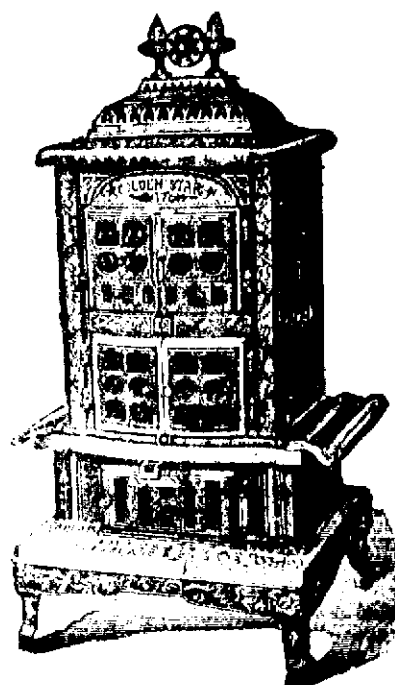
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ASSORTING.

A Species of Labor that Farmers will Find Exceedingly Profitable.

If the farmer would pay more attention to assorting his products he would gain more money and honor. He does not use his eyes and hands enough when marketing and storing away. If he would grade his products rightly they would sell for more in the market, and this increase of price would occasionally change a crop to a profitable from an unprofitable one, and always make the crop more profitable than it otherwise would be, while the labor involved is very small. The farmer is threshing his grain about this time. There are a few bundles on top of the stack which are slightly spoiled; the grains are sprouted. The farmer does not take time to assort this out, and it is mixed with the bright, well-kept grain. Or, perhaps, he threshes from the stack, and some of the sheaves or some entire shocks have blown down. Instead of having the person who purchases these out they are threshed along with the rest. Every reader knows the result. The few spoiled grains lower the price of the whole, and the farmer must dispose of his entire harvest at a damaged price, when but a small part of it was damaged. It would have paid him to assort the wheat.

It often happens that when two or more fields of wheat or oats are raised the grain in one field is of better quality than in the other. It may be owing to the time or manner (or both) of sowing or preparing the ground, or on account of difference in composition and fertility of soil, or for some cause not understood. But the farmer does not assort the grain, and the poorest and the best are put in the same granary. Result: All is sold for what the poorest alone would have brought, and for less than the best alone would have brought. If there are any sheaves spoiled, do not thresh them with the others, and store the grain in separate bins. If the product of two fields are of different quality, do not mix them in the granary. If the other has not, keep the grain from the two separate. Assort the wheat, and assort the oats as well. Not at all unlikely you are harvesting your early potatoes. Assort them. Grades: three—medium size, larger and smaller. They will all sell better in the market. Mix them, and the mixed lot will sell for very little more than would the small ones alone. This is the same on the part of the merchant to whom you sell. Customers like potatoes of about the same size. They look better and sell better. Of course assort out all rotten, bruised, or sprouted ones, whenever you market at once or store away for home consumption or future marketing. These will detract from sale in the market or rot and spoil others when stored away. Assort out those you want for seed, being careful to keep different varieties separate. Pick up every potato, but assort out those too small for market or home use and cook them for the hogs, making meal or bran with them.

Assort apples whether you sell immediately or keep till spring. Assort out all the rotten ones; they will spoil the sale of the lot and rot the sound apples they come in contact with. Assort out the scrubby, deformed and pecked ones for cider. Then make two grades of the balance, grading according to size. This assorting of potatoes, apples, etc., should be done at harvesting, hence I speak of now. It can be done at no other time so well. If you do not assort out the decaying ones for a month they will have spoiled others by that time. They must be handled then, and when being handled they can be assorted with very little, if any, extra labor. Now is also the time to assort the farm stock. If you have any poor hogs, sheep or cattle, assort them out and get rid of them. It hardly pays to keep such stock at any time—least of all over winter. They may be fed with small profit during the summer, but cannot be wintered without loss. Now is the most profitable time to sell them. Dispose of them and replace them with pure-blooded or high-grade animals. The next rainy day they come look over your farm implements and machinery and assort them out. Those that are no longer fit to use, haul to the blacksmith and sell for old material; do not litter up your barnyard and fence corners with them. Those which are good for future service clean of all dirt, coat the steel parts with tallow or coal oil, paint the wooden parts and store away in the dry.—Indiana Farmer.

Curious Facts About Sewing Machines. The patents on sewing machines expired in 1876. A number of new companies were ready to enter the field when the patent rights were no longer enforced, and they did so; but they nearly all became bankrupt. Women that were used to the Singer's, Wheeler & Wilson's, Grover & Baker's, and other popular machines, would have nothing to do with cheaper and better instruments with which they were not familiar. Since the patents expired in 1876, nine of the new companies have become bankrupt, and while forty new ones exist in name, the business is really monopolized by the old companies. According to the last census there are one hundred and six sewing machine establishments in the United States with an invested capital of twelve million three hundred thousand dollars. They employ nine thousand two hundred and thirty-eight persons and annually pay wages amounting to nearly five million dollars. The sales of sewing machines amount to fourteen million dollars annually.—Demorest's Monthly.

A New York gentleman made a wager with a friend that there was not \$50,000,000 in actual cash in any one building in the country. Calling at the Sub-Treasury they found that in the vaults of that building there was the sum of \$140,000,000, all in legal tender of the realm, \$71,000,000 of it being in gold coin.—N. Y. Tribune.

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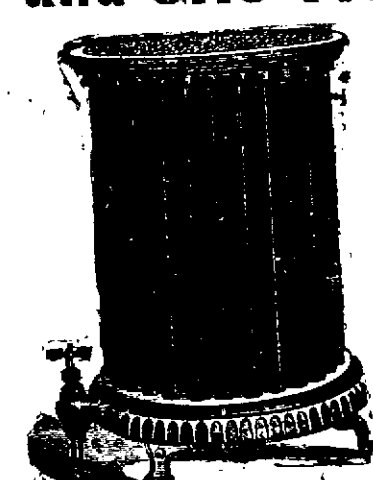
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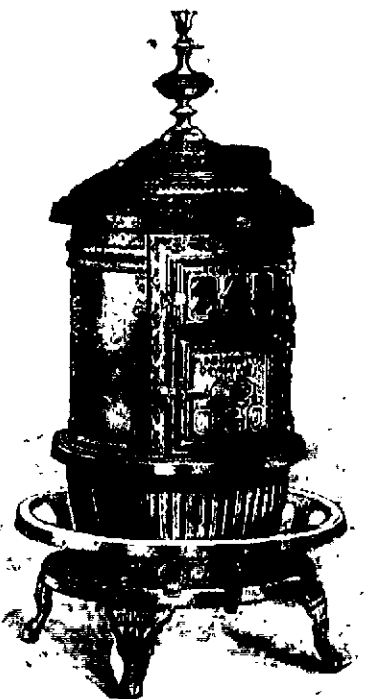
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MONDAY EVENING, DEC. 1, 1891.

LOCAL NEWS.

DOLL CARRIAGES, Wagons and Velocipedes, all styles, sizes and prices, at E. D. BARTHOLOMEW & Co's. Council meeting to-night in "The Honesty."

Overseas in bulk and fresh fish at Peter Ulrich's grocery store.

MARGARET MATHER to-night in "The Honesty."

Be sure and secure tickets for the two remaining Vossburg lectures. 75 cents gets a reserved seat ticket for the remainder of the course.

V. H. PARKER is just receiving his stock of Hard Coal, direct from the mines, Lehigh, Scranton and Lackawanna. Telephone 55. Soft Coal, Lump or Nut at the Feed Store. Will make lowest prices; guarantee quality and weight. Every description of feed. Give him a trial. Coal well screened and dry. Come and see it, adjoining Tabernacle. Oct 31-1891

THE great Pat Rooney and his splendid company will appear Thursday night.

The sleighs were out on Sunday and the bells jingled merrily. There is enough frozen snow on the ground to-day to make walking dangerous.

STOVES are now in demand. If you are interested see the advertisement of Fenestral Base Burners on this third page.

THOSE interested in the formation of the Young Men's Social Club are requested to meet at the New Denning hotel on Wednesday evening.

SURELY CLAMS—Little Neck clams, finest caught—all alive, at Miller's Restaurant. 26-36

ALWAYS ask for Schroeder's Bohemian cigars, the best nickel smokers in the city.

The members of the Iron Molders' Social Club will give a grand ball at the Tabernacle on New Years eve.

It is estimated that the farmers of Friends Creek township have lost \$35,000 worth of hogs by cholera in the past few months. The crop is about wiped out, and now the disease is among the hogs in Marion township.

FRESH OYSTERS, direct from Baltimore, by car or dish. None but the best brands, at Marrott's restaurant. 416 dft

If you want to be instructed and entertained, go to the opera house on Tuesday evening, and hear Rev. Dr. Vossburg. Tickets at Curtis & Co's. Single admission, 50 cents; gallery, 25 cts.

SURELY OYSTERS, big fat fellows, on the half-shell at Miller's Restaurant. 1-1w

If you want to buy a teacher's Bible, you will find a large assortment to select from at the City Book Store. 1-4w

\$2.00 Coal telephone is No. 130. 220-dft

THE New Opera orchestra will soon give an invitation ball. It will be given at the Tabernacle, and will be attended by the society people of the city. Who will thus have an opportunity of giving substantial encouragement to this excellent string band.

LADIES will find "perfect loves of car-pets" by calling at Abel & Locke's store, where a beautiful display is made. Household novelties in profusion.

TO BREAK up colds, fevers and inflammatory attacks, use Dr. Pierce's Compound Extract of Smart-Weed.

THE Presbyterian Christmas sale of articles suitable for gifts will be held at the Tabernacle on the evening of December 11th.

It is no trouble to show goods at R. N. HUGHSON'S New Book Store. Stop and see the bargains in Christmas goods, any way.

THE "Rhino and Switzerland" is Dr. Vossburg's subject at the opera house on Tuesday eve, Dec. 2nd. Go and hear him.

An elegant line of photograph and autograph albums, books and stationery, at the City Book Store. Prices lower than ever. 1-4w

We have received the programme for the 11th annual meeting of the Illinois State Dairymen's Association, to be held at Champaign December 17 to 19 inclusive. The president is Joseph Telf and the secretary R. P. McGilney, of Elgin, Ill.

FIVE Steel Engravings, Crayons and Artotype Pictures at the City Book Store. Call early and make selections for Christmas. 1-4w

MRS. E. O. HINMAN, of Peoria, is announced to deliver an address at the Tabernacle next Sunday afternoon. She was lately president of the Ladies' Missionary Society of the state.

Buy Coal and Wood of Geo. Ehrhart, Telephone 139, or leave orders at Armstrong's drug store. 220-dft

When you order Decatur Coal of Geo. Ehrhart, you will be sure to get it. Telephone 139. 202-1-dft

A TELEPHONE connects with the store of John T. Montgomery on North Water street. Orders for family groceries promptly filled.

Christmas Cards of all kinds cheap at R. N. HUGHSON'S New Book Store, East Eldorado street. 225-dft

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TRIFLEPHONE Niedermeyer on the mound and order family groceries. 225-dft

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The Circuit Court.

The December term of the circuit court commenced this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. Judge Smith, presiding. The members of the grand jury were sworn, with S. P. Miley, of Oakley, as foreman, and his Honor proceeded to deliver his charge to the men who will look after alleged violators of the law. The jury retired in charge of Constable McWhinney. The trial of the case is Hunter Milliken.

State's Attorney Vail is on hand ready for duty, as are also the remainder of the lawyers. It is probable that the term will be a short one, as there are only 231 cases on the several dockets.

The Getz Case. William Getz, the man who was stabbed twice Thanksgiving Day at his home, is still alive, though it is yet believed that he cannot recover, as one of the knife thrusts penetrated his liver. A brother of Getz got Justice McGorray to issue a state warrant for the arrest of Jesse Austin, who is accused of the deadly assault on his son-in-law. The warrant is in the hands of Constable Harris who will serve it. The grand jury will sift the matter and get at the facts.

Later—Constable Harris arrested Jesse Austin this forenoon and brought him to Decatur. The accused prepared to furnish bail in a reasonable sum. He will be taken before McGorray this afternoon.

The Loebs Loss. The appraisers have fixed the damage by the fire at the Loebs furniture at \$500, mostly to valuable patterns. Mr. Loebs was at the scene during the fire, and he noticed particularly the workings of the chemical engine. He says the city did a wise thing in purchasing that splendid machine, for without it his place would certainly have been completely destroyed.

Mr. Loebs also praises the Chicago land grenades, which were also used with excellent effect at the fire.

Death of Uncle David Kreitzer. David Kreitzer died of paralysis at his home in Harrison township, Saturday evening last, aged 67 years. The deceased was one of the wealthiest farmers of the county, and was widely known. He was in fine health for a man of his years until a few days ago, when paralysis rendered him helpless, ending in death. He leaves a family, all in good circumstances.

The funeral took place from the Christian Church at Harrison this (Monday) forenoon.

This morning Jesse Bondure delivered the books and papers of the coroner's office to Peter Perl, to whom necessary instructions were given. In the past two years Mr. Bondure had 43 cases. The record of the ballots for coroner cast on Nov. 4 in Decatur will probably take place after the 15th inst. in the county court. If it is shown that Bondure was elected then the court will give him a certificate.

The young ladies of the Presbyterian church will hold a fair and festival at the Tabernacle on Tuesday afternoon and evening, the 9th of December. Those desiring Christmas presents may find them there in great variety and abundance, and at very low prices. Refreshments will be served in the evening, and a pleasant time will be assured all who attend.

At the Mather performance to-night the Prof. Olof Ball orchestra will give a number of very fine selections which will appear on the programme. The new music will be sure to please.

The Ladies will appreciate the low prices in fine kid shoes at J. W. Baker's, if they will go and examine them. All his shoes, whether damaged or not, will be closed out at a sacrifice. If you want anything in the shoe line you can save money by trading with him. Dec 1-1891

THERE are four citizens of Decatur who are high up in Masonry, all having taken the 32d degree. They are J. R. Gorin, Wm. J. Wayne, Peter Loebs and L. L. Haworth. There is one degree higher, but it is more ornamental than otherwise, being conferred on those who devote their whole time to the work and teachings of the ancient order.

Surf Oaks, the Grand Romantic Drama. Twin play to the Silver King. A story of love, misadventure and crime, of husband, banished and blighted, of his fall & great that he was suspected of that when he stole a kiss from the lips of his own child.

"Though the mills of God grind slowly, yet they grind exceeding small." With every one of these articles Healt.

Burr Oaks is a play well worth being seen by all who have imbibed through tears at Rip Van Winkle, or cried in sympathy with Lady Macbeth in the pitiless days of East Lynne. It is a better play than either, better acted and better embellished.

It is a play that every lady whose life embodied womanhood can see with great abiding human interest.

This great play will be given at the opera house Friday and Saturday nights. The scenery will be grand. Popular prices.

SUPERVISOR MAXWELL, of Oakley, was in the city Saturday, and paid one of his election bids like a little man. He made a wager with City Attorney Mills that Buckingham would wax Vail, and of course he lost. Consequently Mr. Mills got a box of fine cigars, and they were good, for the Republican corps tested them and found them superb. Mr. M. is victor now.

If you want to buy a Christmas present that will be appreciated, for a small investment, spend your money for good books, and be sure to go to the City Book Store, where you will find them in great quantities. 1-4w

THE Decatur Musical College has received the following letter of recognition from the New England Conservatory of Music, Boston, Mass.:

"Pupils comprising the first and second grades in Piano, Organ, Voice or Violin, at the Decatur Musical College, and passing a successful examination, will when received at the regular third graduation at the New England Conservatory of Music."

We strongly advise any one desirous of fitting themselves for teachers, or graduating in either of the above branches, to take the prescribed course in this school, as they will thereby save the expense of the first two years away from home.

This gives but another reason for being proud of this institution, for this honor has never been bestowed upon any school before. 202-1-dft

THE cheapest place in town to buy Christmas Books, Toys and Cards is at R. N. HUGHSON'S New Book Store, on East Eldorado street. 225-dft

THE Patent Bar Muffler at B. Stine's. d&wt

PINKERTON ON INGERSOLL.

The Boss Iconoclast Answered by the Christian Minister.

A very large congregation gathered at the Christian Church Sunday evening, to hear Rev. T. W. Pinkerton, the pastor, answer some of the charges against Christianity made by Col. Robert G. Ingersoll, in his lecture on Orthodoxy, at the opera house, on the evening of Nov. 25th. Every pew was filled, and after singing and prayer, Rev. Pinkerton read the fifth chapter of Matthew, the beginning of Christ's sermon on the Mount. In the outset the pastor wanted it understood that he was not there to ridicule Ingersoll or to express any bitterness. This is an age of free speech, and the fullest liberty is given to discussion of all sorts of subjects. If the Christian religion will not stand the test then it should pass away; but he had no fear of the result.

Rev. Pinkerton spoke for one hour and a half, and answered the points made by Ingersoll as quoted below:

Ingersoll said: "The preacher professes to know everything about God." Now, that is true, or it is not true. It is not true. He says, "They talk a great deal about the infinite," just as some do about the earth. Ingersoll talked two hours about God, and then confessed that he didn't know anything about Him.

"The graveyard contains the dead religions and dead hopes of past ages." Admitted. But what does that prove. Simply because men have worshipped false gods, in the past, then according to Ingersoll, there is no true God. This is a sample of his argument.

"No one should claim immortality except by demonstrated fact." Admit that for the sake of the argument, but that logic is faulty. According to Ingersoll's own argument Christianity was founded on fact, for he admitted that Christ lived and that he was a good man. It is upon this demonstrated fact that the Christian religion rests to-day.

"Truth is immortal," said the Colonel. Admitted, and the great truth of the Christian religion has stood the test for 1800 years. Yes, all truth is immortal.

Then Ingersoll gave a description in his lecture of the astrologer, the alchemist and the medicine man, and because these found base metal among pure, and came near killing a man before curing him, that therefore there is no God. The whole lecture was an attempt to prove that there is no God. Then there is no such science as geology, and that of medicine is a hoax.

"The preachers pretend to stand between God and man," said the lecturer. That may be true in some churches, but there is no foundation for it in God's book, and any one who attempts to prove that tries something that does not exist in the Bible. It isn't true so far as it concerns the preachers of the New Testament.

Then came the intimation that "Religion is dying." What religion is dying? Either the Christian religion or it is its God dying. Let me say that the religion of Jesus Christ has made greater advances in the last 80 years than in all the 17 preceding centuries. This fact is giving the skeptical world a good deal of trouble. Christ's religion is going round the globe, to the islands of the sea, upon the broad prairies, to foreign shores, to the land of the morning and the land of the evening. It is translated in all the languages of the earth, and the number of its converts far exceed that of any other religion.

In his line of ridicule Ingersoll charged that at the Andover, Mass., school every man took an oath not to have any new ideas. I am not here to defend that; but I will say it is not according to the Bible, which says if there be any truth, any purity, any good thing, "think on these things."

Then he said "Ministers don't want to know anything." Are not the ministers of this land about as intelligent as those of any other class? I leave that with the people themselves. Men of this community who believe in God and the Bible are about as good citizens and husbands as those who do not believe in God and the Bible.

We say that God is infinite. Now let the skeptics prove that he is not. Ingersoll said he didn't know much about the Bible, and I answer that according to his position I know infinitely more about it than he does.

Then he says: "They are always trying to help God." Who makes any such pretense? Who tries to help God? All such talk is an effort to prove that the Christian religion is false. Not doing more.

"Men make their own gods." That is not true. And then Ingersoll said that God was made without body, parts and passion. That is a good definition of nothing, but the Bible says nothing of the kind. That is simply the construction of man. "God is love," says the Bible.

"What is there in the world to suggest the idea of a God?" asks Ingersoll. No man can look anywhere but he finds manifestations without number. The evidences are abundant, and as gifted scientists as the most skeptical acknowledge the existence of the Creator.

"Who right had God to make a murderer?" If he did then the Bible isn't true and there is no God. The man made himself a murderer. It is in every man's power to do as he pleases, and God is not responsible if he chooses to do evil.

"God believed in polygamy." I deny that. No man can show a single passage in the Bible to substantiate that statement. The contrary is true. The clergyman also denied that God believes in slavery and asked for proof. It exists to-night—it is permitted, but the Bible is against it. The Bible does not teach that if a man's wife has an honest thought she should be killed.

Ingersoll says: "The home is the foundation of civilization." If that is true, then the Indians, the Hottentots, etc.? Foundation of what sort of civilization? What sort of homes? Those under the influence of the Christian religion, such as Ingersoll and his family now enjoy.

"The Bible is the work of barbarians." Is that true? There is much of history in the Old and New Testament telling of the events in the lives of the men who lived before. The argument against the inspiration of the Old Testament is worthless. He says the New Testament is also the work of barbarians. Is that true? Wherever the Bible goes society is elevated and people are made better.

What of Ingersoll's religious mother who gave him birth? Was she a barbarian? Was she a heathen? Were the people of to-day barbarians in their thoughts and lives? Are the Christian women of our homes more barbaric than those women who sold at religion and deny the life of Jesus Christ? Look at the life of Jesus Christ and love. Ingersoll admits that Jesus Christ was the peer of the age in which he lived.

The clergyman denied that God pun-

ishes men arbitrarily, and held that God makes character just as you make the character of your child.

Ingersoll says, "Everybody is alienated from God because Adam sinned." The Bible does not teach that, though the creeds may do so, and all Nature did not "feel a shock when Adam sinned." The doctrine of the atonement is all right as taught in the Bible. The Bible says, bring your gifts to God, and if any man has sinned against thee, settle with him four-fold, and then come.

Ingersoll is not independent, and he said help when he goes about charging 50 and 75 cents and \$1.00 to hear his talks. Everybody wants help, human and divine help. God is the father, and every father takes an interest in his child.

Ingersoll makes light of the Bible, but a lawyer greater than he—Blackstone—said that the principles of all civil law are based and drawn from the divine law, and that law is in the Bible. So much for that.

He says he wants a religion that will make men happy. Agreed. By happiness we mean that man shall be in harmony with all about him, and all this is offered him in the Bible and in the religion of Jesus Christ.

He says Christ is simply a man and not divine. Then we have believed as he is. Is that true? I leave it with you to-night. Christ's praises are sung every where; evidences of his divinity abound in the civilized world.

Ingersoll talked about the Bible preaching the liberty of man. God gives the fullest liberty. Then he told about great men going to hell, Ben Franklin, Jefferson, Lincoln, Garrison, Sumner and Longfellow. The clergyman didn't believe that, for he held they were men who believed in a God.

Said Ingersoll, a woman cannot go out at night without being insulted. That is true. Who will insult her? "Preachers are useless." Who is doing the most for humanity to-night, the infidel or the preacher?

The closing portion of the sermon was a summing up of the points and a benediction of promise and hope to the congregation.

At the close a young lady confessed faith in Christ.

THE FIRST OF A SERIES OF SERMONS. Sunday forenoon Rev. W. H. Prestley, of the Presbyterian church, delivered the first of a series of sermons on Christianity. There was a very large congregation in attendance and the best of attention was given the clergyman. He read the first verse of the second chapter of Ephesians and the third verse of the first chapter of First John, and proceeded to discuss "Spiritual death viewed in the light of recent deliverances of scientists." He quoted largely from the writings of Herbert Spencer, the eminent scientist, whose views on vegetable, animal and human life, and their correspondence of internal and external relations to nature were given at some length. Rev. Prestley quoted from the Bible to show that man is in communion with God and that there is no spiritual death. Allying the scientists he said the agnostics had existed in all ages, and were among those who look after cold facts in a cold manner. They were not in communion with God. The subject of the next sermon will be "Ye Must Be Born Again."

Rev. T. I. Conliffe, at the First M. E. Church, Sunday evening, delivered a powerful sermon on Christianity its Own Defense, which is highly spoken of to-day by those who heard it. It was a fitting answer to the charges made by Ingersoll.

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There are eight steam coils in the circuit court room, and the heat is even and quite agreeable. About 50 new chairs have been placed inside the bar for the use of the lawyers.

PERSONAL MENTION. George Moeller spent Sunday in the city.

W. A. Vanleer and family reside on North College street, in the Starr property.

E. McClellan, Dr. Johns and others of the hunting party that invaded Arkansas, are home, having killed eight deer, turkeys and other game.

Hon. J. B. Messick, of East St. Louis, and James E. Hill, of Springfield, United States Deputy Marshal, were at the St. Nicholas Saturday evening, leaving for the west on Sunday morning.

Hon. J. E. Fickrell is now making his home in Chicago, where he is secretary of the American Short-horn Breeders' Association, and where he is the editor of the Herd Book.

Prof. S. A. Forbes, state ornithologist, has accepted the chair of professor of zoology and ornithology in the Illinois Institute University at Champaign, and has left Normal to fill the chair.

Mrs. Kerren Kelsey, mother of Mrs. Mary J. Johnson, who has been visiting in Ohio for the past seventeen months, has returned, accompanied by her granddaughter, Miss Fannie Husey, of Columbus, Ohio.

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The Young Ladies' Guild of the Baptist Church will give an Opera, from "Dickens," at the residence of Mrs. N. A. White, on Eldorado street, on Dec. 4th. Admission, including ice cream and refreshments, 50 cents. Tickets for sale at Curtis & Co's jewelry store. 22 dft

European Lecture. Rev. George H. Vossburg, Ph. D., will deliver his next lecture in the course on "Days Acre," at the opera house, on Tuesday evening, Dec. 3d. The subject will be "The Rhino and Switzerland." The third and last lecture will be delivered on Dec. 10th. Subject, "Paris, Past and Present." A ticket for these two lectures, including a reserved seat, may be had for 75 cents; single tickets, 50 cts. Admission to the gallery, 25 cts. Tickets may be had at Curtis & Co's jewelry store. Lecture to begin at 8 o'clock. 26 dft

DIED. At the residence of Dr. J. L. Connelly, at Harrison, Dec. 1, Mrs. J. A. DYER, aged 77 years.

The deceased was a cousin of Mrs. M. P. Murphy, of this city, and had been dangerously ill for many weeks. The funeral will take to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

SPECIAL convocation Mason Chapter R. A. M., for work on R. A. (this Monday) evening. J. C. HOSKIN, Sec'y. J. T. HAND, H. P.

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